

S. No.	Name of the Schemes
*32.	Special Scheme for Scheduled Castes ⁴ Scheduled Tribes.
*33.	Non-Overdue Cover Scheme.
34.	Agriculture Census.
*35.	Integrated Cereals Development Programme—Coarse Cereals.

*These Schemes have since come under Macro-Management Mode.

Impact of Drought on Agricultural production

3792. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item, "drought takes its toll on economy" appearing in the Business Standard dated 7th February, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the impact of drought on Indian agricultural production during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Several measures like circulation of the Drought Contingency Action Plan, free transportation of drinking water and fodder by the Railways, allocation of foodgrains free of cost under Food for Work Programme, allocation of "feed grade" foodgrains free of cost for use as cattle feed and handing over of exploratory tubewells for drinking water purposes have been taken. In addition, watershed development programme and steps for conservation and harvesting of water have also been taken. In accordance with the items and norms for relief assistance, small and marginal farmers are also eligible for input subsidy for damaged crops.

(c) Production of foodgrains depends on various factors. Drought of varying magnitude does occur in some parts of the

country and has an effect on agricultural production. However, it is not possible to precisely quantify the loss on production of foodgrains due to drought.

(d) To increase production and develop agriculture in different parts of the country in future, the Government has decided to switch over from the conventional Schematic approach to Macro Management mode for providing assistance to States. The scheme envisages integration of 27 schemes into one scheme for supplementation/complementation of States' efforts through work plans which will give flexibility to States to address the specific problems faced by them, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim for all-round development of agriculture.

Agricultural Development in Assam

3793. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given by Government for starting various Agricultural Development works in Assam during the last three years; and

(b) the project-wise details thereof, alongwith the projects started by the State Governments, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Allocation under various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in Assam for the last three years is as under:—

Year	Allocation (Rs. Lakh)
1997-98	449.14
1998-99	881.41
1999-2000	1255.67

(b) The list of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in Assam is annexed as statement.